Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The statement containing the information is appended (*Appendix V.*)

(*b*) No. 1 in the list does not fall within the purview of the Staff Selection Board. All the other appointments except Nos. 2 to 5 were made by the Staff Selection Board. The appointments on Rs. 60—100 referred to in (*a*) above were made by Government. They being of a technical nature, the Income-tax Commissioner was consulted and he submitted an exhaustive and self contained report. As explained in answer to the supplementary questions on Question No. 99 of the Legislative Council Meeting on 7th December 1944. Government thought that it would be better that the proposals of the Income-tax Commissioner are accepted "enbloc" with sufficient safeguards regarding claims of communities that might be affected thereby.

(*c*) The aims and objects with which the Staff Selection Board was constituted were to ensure adequate and equitable representation for all communities in the public services of the State.

(*d*) All appointments, the initial salary of which is below Rs. 100 are within the purview of the Staff Selection Board subject to certain exceptions and reservations.

CAR—SALE OF—COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

448. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state in continuation of the answer kindly given to question No. 206 and as supplemental thereto.—

(*a*) when the car owned previously by the officer, *viz.*, the Commissioner of Police was sold by him;

(*b*) whether the purchaser is a Cochinite or a Britisher;

(*c*) is the car in Cochin State now;

(*d*) if answer to (*c*) is in the negative will they please state when the car left the State and when its registration in Cochin was cancelled;

(*e*) the date on which new tyres were supplied to this car that was sold and the number of tyres that was supplied (*i.e.* how many);

(*f*) was the car sold with the new tyres supplied;

(*g*) what was the period of leave which this officer had applied for;

(*h*) what is the duration of "LONG LEAVE" as contemplated by Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) On 27th February 1944.

(*b*) He is a Britisher.

(*c*) No information.

(*d*) No information. The registration in Cochin was cancelled on 3rd May 1944.

(*e*)

Date	*Tyre*	*Tube*
12— 1—1944	1	1
19—12—1943	1	nil
3— 8—1943	1	nil
21— 6—1943	nil	2
26— 5—1943	2	nil

(*f*) The car was sold with the tyres.

(*g*) 4 months.

(*h*) Long leave is of several kinds. The duration of each kind of leave varies with the nature of the leave and in some cases the length of service, etc. The Commissioner was granted 4 months leave this time.

STOPPING OF WORK OF CERTAIN TILE WORKS

449. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether St. John Tile Works, St. Joseph's Union Tile Works, Holy Family Tile Works, I. J. Tile Works St. Mary's, and Sacred Heart Tile Works stopped work for more than 3 months. If so, the reasons for stopping the work. The total number of labourers who were working in these factories;

(*b*) how many tile factories were closed this year in the State;

(*c*) have the Government made enquires as regards the causes that led to the closing of these factories?

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